Will you say "yes?"

Not till I know what it is about," I replied with spirit, certainly not.

me back that little bird I carved. hands, and felt going mad myself. preying on my mind that it will guilty, and yet I was so perfectly come flying back some day when innocent, and I did not want him terribly. I want it hanging on me, I was confused, I did not know your wall to remind you of me, how to explain, I felt too indigsometimes, you know; being a nant in the midst of my grief even bird, like me you see, it must. And to try to explain, for he should though our acquaintance did not not have jumped to conclusions in commence auspiciously, still you have forgotten and forgiven, haven't you?"

·Well-yes-almost.

'And you will keep that little earving?

Perhaps I will.

Bless you, Jane-Miss Neild, mean. And now---

I was getting alarmed at his vehemence and very much afraid of what he would say next. jumped up.

I think I will go home to Lily. She's all alone, poor girl.'

But it's raining cats and dogs. I don't mind the rain, and I'm

fond of cats and dogs,' I said, tripping from the shelter and struggling to open the umbrella which Lily had lent to me.

You have caught cold in the ram before now.' he said drily: 'do sop a few minutes longer

'No,' I said, shaking my head, 'I would rather not.'

Here, let me manage that thing for you then,' he said, making a dash at the umbrella, opening it, and holding it above my head, 'if you must run away; but you'll get wet.

I've got my water proof.

'Yes, but-oh, Lord!'

'What is the matter?' I exclaimed, as he turned very red and white just as I had seen him on the Fort, only now he looked at me as if I were a ghost and my spectral appearance had frightened

He did not reply at once, and I cried-

'Oh! what is the matter? Are'nt you well? Won't you tell me?'

'It's all right-that is, I shall be all right in a minute,' he answered in quite a new and hard tone of voice; don't mind me.

What can it be?'

I tell you it's nothing, Miss Neild,' he said, 'don't take any notice of me, please I had rather you didn't.

It was a strange request, but I did not. I maintained a rigid si lence, being a little nettled presently at his own silent move ments at my side, his steady stare ahead of him, the stern expression on his face. He marched along in so grave and dumb a fashion at last that I could have slapped his face for him. What did he mean by such behavior, I wondered; at the end of the jetty he brought my heart into my mouth by suddenly roaring out-

'No, I'll never believe it! It's magic it's a lying dream, it's anything but this, I can't believe it of you-I'd rather jump into the sea than think of it another moment.

Think what? Good gracious why don't you tell me.'

me all the time. You, too, of all the lot of them!

What have I done, Mr. Bird? This—this umbrella. he cried. -Well.

sent, I can swear to it anywhere. crowing in its nest too. They're my initials on that silver collar, "G. B." Oh heaven and earth, to fancy for one instant that you-Miss Neitd, I am going | cannot drive a nail."

raving mad. Look at it, look at

I stared from him to the umbrel-'Well then,' he cried, 'don't give la which he had thrust into my You said you would, and it has been I looked so terribly mean and I least expect it, and so upset me now to have one thought against way-but have waited andand then I burst into tears.

Oh, pray don't cry,' he called out, for morey's sake dont, Jane; I don't care about the umbrella now, I don't mind your taking-

'It's-its not mine!' I screamed out at last, 'it-it was lent me by Lily Brian because she thought it -it-it would rain before I got home. There!

Thank God! What an awful thief she is for one so young,' he cried; I am so tremendously glad though, so awfully glad---

Take your umbreila, I cried; pitching it at him, 'and I'm glad it's found, too, very.

I don't mean I'm glad I've found it but that you-

'How dare you suspect me?' I cried sweeping majestically away from him, but he followed me and held the umbrella over my head again and overwhelmed me with hurried and incoherent apologies which I declined to accept.

'Perhaps it's not mine,' he said at last, 'pray be rational, Miss Neild, "B" stands for Brian as well as Bird. Is Mr. Brian's Christian name George, do you think?'

Don't speak to me. You know it's your umbrella.

It is a little like it, he said dis-

'I don't want any miserable evasions Mr. Bird, and I never want to see or speak to you again, and

Why, Jenny, what's the matter, cried Lily Brian, suddenly appear ing round the corner of the street, and under another umbrella, and with a shawl over her arms 'where have you been? Ma was afraid you wanted more wraps, and has sent me out with them, and-how d'ye do, Mr. Bird? Who'd have thought of seeing you this wet day?"

T've offended Miss Neild, he said. not smiling in the least at her arch manner of address to him.

'You! oh, what about?' she cried. That nasty, hateful umbrella, said 'where did you get it. Lily? oh, where did you get it?'

What's the matter with the umbrella?' asked Lily, very cool and self-possessed.

'It-its not yours!' I exclaimed, it never was yours.

No; it's George's. He lent it me this morning.'

'And where-where did your brother get it? 'I don't know.'

But we did very shortly. George had found it in his father's area, and, with total disregard of other people's rights-being young and | terest of .. short of umbrellas-had quietly appropriated it without the slightest fuss. It was like a dispensation having his initials already engraved for him, too. Yes it was down Mr. Brian's area that Mr. Think that you have deceived Bird had dropped his umbrella that night, and Geoffry had knocked at the next door by mistake.

I called him Geoffry now. And a very lucky mistake it was, he always say, even to this day, and It,-it's the umbrella I dropped I have been Mrs. Bird thace years, down your area. My father's pre- and there is another little Bird

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